

AL-VI-C-277

William Shaw, Jr. Frame House

c.1840

Moscow

Private

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## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

William Shaw, Jr. Frame House

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Eastern side Route 36

CITY, TOWN

Moscow

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

6th

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Allegany County

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

## CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT  
☒ BUILDING(S)  
☐ STRUCTURE  
☐ SITE  
☐ OBJECT

## OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC  
☒ PRIVATE  
☐ BOTH

## PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS  
☐ BEING CONSIDERED

## STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED  
☐ UNOCCUPIED  
☐ WORK IN PROGRESS  
**ACCESSIBLE**  
☐ YES: RESTRICTED  
☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED  
☒ NO

## PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE ☐ MUSEUM  
☐ COMMERCIAL ☐ PARK  
☐ EDUCATIONAL ☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE  
☐ ENTERTAINMENT ☐ RELIGIOUS  
☐ GOVERNMENT ☐ SCIENTIFIC  
☐ INDUSTRIAL ☐ TRANSPORTATION  
☐ MILITARY ☐ OTHER

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Levi Broadwater

Telephone #:

STREET &amp; NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC

Allegany County Courthouse

Liber #: 284

Folio #: 442

STREET &amp; NUMBER

30 Washington Street

CITY, TOWN

Cumberland

STATE

Maryland 21502

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

None

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**7 DESCRIPTION**

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**CONDITION**

☐ EXCELLENT  
☐ GOOD  
☒ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED  
☐ RUINS  
☐ UNEXPOSED

**CHECK ONE**

☐ UNALTERED  
☒ ALTERED

**CHECK ONE**

☐ ORIGINAL SITE  
☒ MOVED DATE ca 1870

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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The William Shaw, Jr. frame house is located on the eastern side of Route 36 in Moscow. The two-story house is five bays wide on the facade (northwestern elevation), and two bays deep. Oral tradition indicates that the house was originally "L" shaped but its rear wing was demolished when the house was moved during the early 1870's. A shed roofed porch on the southeastern elevation has been enclosed with cinderblocks.

A shed roofed porch in the center of the facade has been extended on its northeastern end. The original portion of the porch has chamfered and capped square wooden posts on pedestals. The porch has a solid board balustrade. Original windows of the first floor have been replaced with modern windows. Second floor windows are 6/6 sash with drip mouldings. An entrance in the center of the facade includes sidelights of a single panel surmounted by four lights which open on hinges. Original double doors are of two panels each with original hardware. A second story entrance on the northeastern end of the southeastern elevation reportedly led to the missing rear wing. Interior end chimneys are of brick. A cinderblock chimney is located in the exterior of the southeastern elevation.

The frame house has 3" x 4" studs and is covered with weatherboards on the northeastern and southwestern elevations as well as most of the facade. A portion of the facade surrounding the central entrance is covered with beaded weatherboards. The southeastern elevation is covered with tongue and groove weatherboards and a layer of insulating sheathing. The house rests on a low rubble stone foundation. The gabled roof is covered with tar-

paper.  
CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

| PERIOD  |  | AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW           |   |  |  |
|---|--|--|---|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC          | <input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC  | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING                | <input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE | <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION            |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499            | <input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC     | <input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION                      | <input type="checkbox"/> LAW                    | <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE             |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599            | <input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE             | <input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS                         | <input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE             | <input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE           |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE | <input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION                         | <input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY               | <input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799            | <input type="checkbox"/> ART                     | <input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING                       | <input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC                  | <input type="checkbox"/> THEATER             |  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899 | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE                | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT | <input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY             | <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION      |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1900                 | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS          | <input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY                          | <input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT    | <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)     |  |
|   |  | <input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION                         |   |  |  |

SPECIFIC DATES                      c.1840                      BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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Based on its architectural appearance the William Shaw, Jr. Frame House appears to have been constructed in the first half of the nineteenth century on land which then belonged to William Shaw, Sr.. Oral tradition indicates that in the early 1870's the house was mounted with mine car wheels and moved on rails to its present location, approximately 1,000 yards to the south. In 1872 William Shaw Jr.'s son, A. B. Shaw, built a brick mansion (AL-VI-C-118) on the original site of the frame house. (interviews)

There is much evidence indicating that the frame house may be the oldest standing building in the Barton area. William Shaw, Sr. settled the area, probably early in the nineteenth century. In his History of Western Maryland, J. Thomas Scharf wrote that William Shaw, Jr. built the "next" house in the area. At the time of his writing the house was part of the Shaw estate. (pp 1466-7) A plat of Moscow drawn by A. B. Shaw in 1870 shows that the house in its present location was part of the "Home Farm" of William Shaw, Jr. (liber 67, folio 545 and Equity #1719)

After William Shaw, Jr.'s death in 1867 his heirs contrived to convey all interest in the estate of A. B. Shaw. Among the legal documents relating to the ensuing equity action there are two which help to identify the William Shaw, Jr. Frame House. Uriah Duckworth, an acquaintance of the deceased, testified that William Shaw, Jr. resided "all his life near Barton..." (Equity #1719, "Testimony") A "Report of Commissioners for Partition" stated that "... on the said 'Home Farm' there is a two story frame dwelling house, the residence of said William Shaw deceased, and a stone grist mill, and water sawmill...." (Equity #1719)

The log house he built on the site of Barton was torn down during the mid-to-late nineteenth century.

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Allegany County Equity Case #1719  
Allegany County Land Records  
Interviews with Mr. Clarence Shriver and Mr. Levi Broadwater, Moscow 8/18/81.  
Scharf, J. Thomas. History of Western Maryland Philadelphia: L. H. Everts Co., 1882.

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY \_\_\_\_\_

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

|       |        |
|-------|--------|
| STATE | COUNTY |
| STATE | COUNTY |

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

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Maryland Historical Trust/Bureau of Mines

DATE

November 1981

STREET & NUMBER

Shaw House, 21 State Circle

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CITY OR TOWN

Annapolis

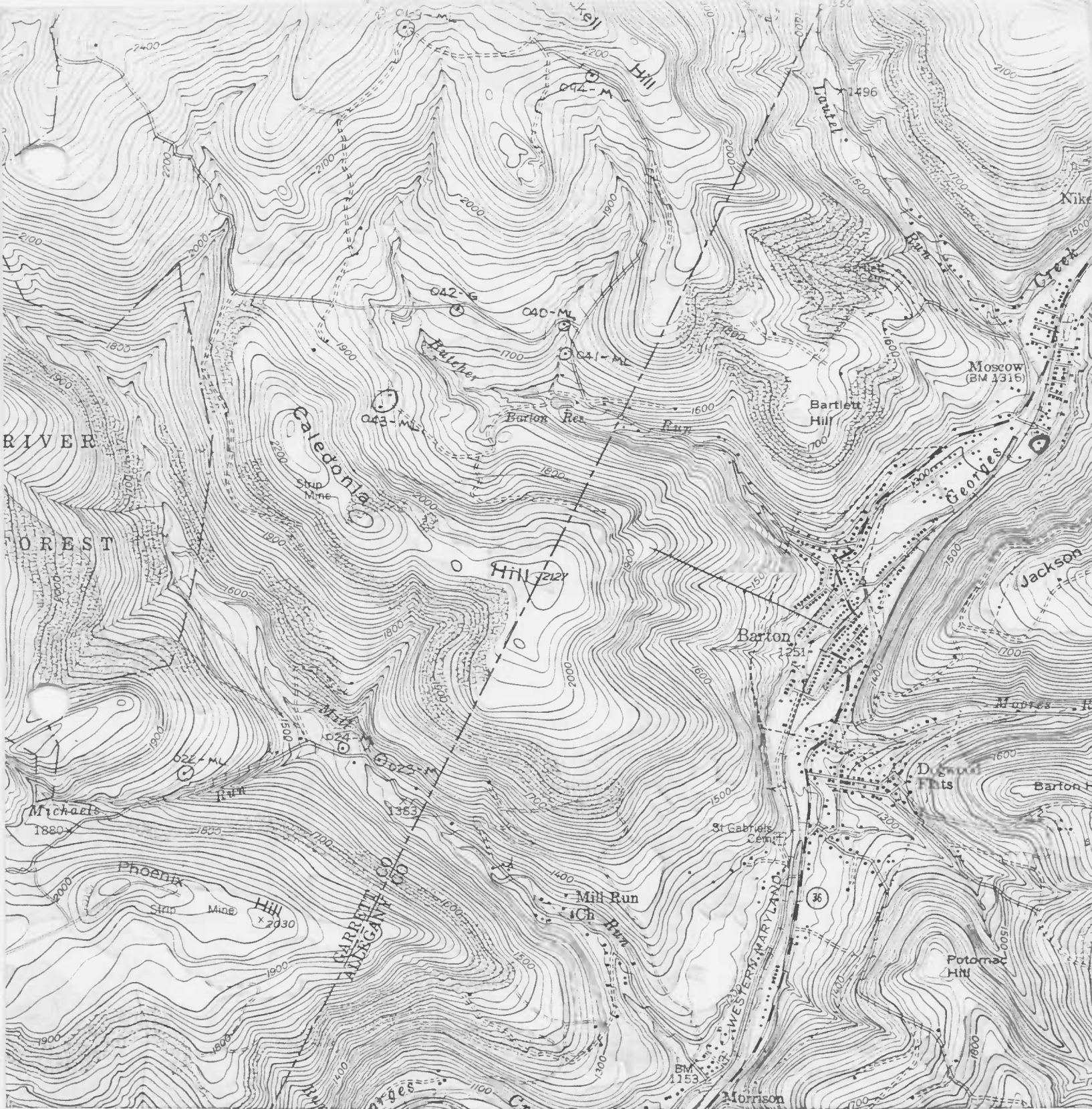
STATE

Maryland 21401

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Barton, MD  
 USGS 7.5 Minute Series  
 Scale 1:24,000  
 1947; photorevised 1974

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southeast elevation



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entrance, northwest elevation